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1. At Sopron on 7 August there were from 10,000 to 15,000 troops comprising infantry, signal and some armored unit personnel. There were no Air Force vehicles and only a very few officers compared to the number of men. The town appears to be a military distributing center; new arrivals report to the college of St. Imre which also houses the Town Major's office. The commandant of the city is Colonel Romanov who is said to be a relative of Marshal Voroshilov. He is to be relieved of duty here and stationed at Szeged. Vehicle numbers seen are as follows: E-O-56, E-O-58, and E-O-65.

On 18 August the town was clear of troops; the former billets in the Loever district were empty although the telephone installations remained intact. A skeleton staff of Russian service personnel, together with their wives and children have remained. In the Gysev station at Sopron, there were 10 pontoon bridges dismantled and ready for loading. Two trains were also observed at the station moving in the direction of Győr carrying the following:

24 guns of 122 mm.(1938 model) caliber, with trailers
16 guns of 122 mm.(1930 model) caliber, howitzers
2 anti-aircraft guns, caliber not given.

2. On 8 and 9 August there were about 20,000 troops at Szombathely and 52 Josef Stalin tanks with 80 trucks and four tank transporters. The armored unit personnel were billeted in the Faludi College buildings and in the former police barracks. Two battalions of recruits are stationed in the Radetsky barracks; they were seen being trained in the use of the 120 mm.(1938) and 82 mm.(1941) mortars, and on 76 mm.(1937) guns. The Headquarters is located in the town hall. Colonel Lwow, who is billeted in the Menhely district, is the local representative of the Allied Commission.

The local inhabitants state that the area is soon to become a main concentration area for troops and materiel, and will come under the command of a General. The numbers on the vehicles seen are as follows: E-3-81, E-3-82 up to E-3-88.

On 17 August it was reported that all barracks were empty except for a skeleton guard and the only troops seen were those of a small detachment undergoing basic training. It is believed by the local residents that the troops are on maneuvers and will return.

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3. On 9 August mostly airforce troops, although some artillery troops, were observed at Székesfehérvár. Two hundred and five fighters, believed to be Airacobras, and five Russian trainer planes were counted. There were no bombers and no activity on the airfield.
4. At Dombóvár, on the 10th and 11th of August, there were only 20 Russian soldiers in the town under the command of Major Tsudinov.
5. At Pécs on 12 August no troops were observed except for a small garrison under the command of Colonel Orany. The number of a Russian truck there was Y-1-38.
6. The Veszprém-Kojmasker-Várpalota area was reported to be full of troops on maneuvers on 16 August.
7. On 16 August at Kadarta, from 20 to 25 kilometers northwest of Veszprém, 150 fighters were observed on the landing ground which is not a permanent airfield. One of the vehicle numbers observed was E-3-83.
8. There were very few troops at Kőrmend on 16 August.
9. On 18 August there were only a few troops at Kapuvár, and these were housed in tents north of the town.
10. A varying amount of tank flatcars were seen at the railroad stations on 18 August in the following cities: Kapuvár, Vitnyed, Petroháza, Pinnye, Esterháza.

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